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FILE NO. SHANGHAI POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY

No. 506(C)
Station 13/11/39
Date November 13, 1939.

Subject (in full) STEINER, M.M. Baroness - Movements of

Made by D.S. Cornwell Forwarded by D.S.I.

SECRET

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She was accompanied on the boat by Mr. A. Brusset, French.

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D.C. (Special Branch).

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REPORT

Date **September 17, 1939**

Subject The Baroness Martha Maria STEINER.

Made by S.P.S. Killingbeck

Forwarded by R. W. Mac Ale D. S. 9

On September 3, 1939, a communication emanating from the United States Treasury Department Washington, D.C. was received by the Police Authorities of the French Concession, Shanghai. The message was to the effect that a German national named Baroness Martha Maria STEINER, a drug and espionage suspect, sailed from Vancouver, British Columbia, on the s.s. "Empress of Asia" on August 20, 1939. Her destination was given as China.

Baroness Steiner arrived in Shanghai on board the s.s. "Empress of Asia" on September 4, 1939, and took up residence at the Cathay Hotel, Hanking Road.

On the day of her arrival she dispatched a telegram to 'A.M. BRUSSET', Banque Franco Chinoise, Peking and has since sent further telegrams to the same person. The messages contained in the telegrams were all of a personal nature and included nothing that could be regarded as suspicious. One telegram stated that she was unable to arrange a trip to Peking while a later telegram was in the nature of a request asking 'A.M. Brusset' to try and arrange the trip and itinerary for her.

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A reception clerk at the Cathay Hotel alleges that he knew the Baroness Steiner some ten years ago, in Berlin and states that she then enjoyed the reputation of being a 'Second class demi-mondaine'.

Baroness Steiner, who is reputed to be of German-Austrian descent, is due to leave on the s.s. "Tsingtao Maru" on September 18, en route to Peking via Dairen. The French Concession Police have notified the French authorities in Peking of the probable arrival of the Baroness and have requested that a check be kept on her movements whilst she is in Peking.

There is no record of Baroness Steiner on file at Police Headquarters, nor have the French Police any record of her movements prior to her arrival in Shanghai on September 4, 1939.

J. H. Lingbeck
D.P.S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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Attractive study of Hermann Ernst Maria Steiner, who recently arrived from Vancouver, to spend a holiday in this city.

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September 14th, 1939.

Is any information available concerning a woman whose name is believed to be BARONESS Von STEINER now staying at the Cathay Hotel and who arrived in Shanghai in the last Empress? This woman has bright red hair and was seen lunching in the Hotel on September 14th with Jackie WEISS, ex barman at the Paramount and ex proprietor of the Jockey Club on Yu Yuen Road. She is alleged to be a German subject enroute for Peking.

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D. P. S. Killingham
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